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Mother & Baby Health Act

HB 3 – SB 5

Bill Text

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

relating to the duration of services provided under Medicaid to women following a pregnancy.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE. Out of the state's profound respect for the lives of mothers and unborn children, Medicaid coverage is extended for mothers whose pregnancies end in the delivery of the child or end in the natural loss of the child.

SECTION 2. Section 32.024(l-1), Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(l-1) The commission shall continue to provide medical assistance to a woman who is eligible for medical assistance for pregnant women for a period of not less than:

(1) six months following the date the woman delivers or experiences an involuntary miscarriage; and

(2) 12 months that begins on the last day of the woman's pregnancy and ends on the last day of the month in which the 12-month period ends in accordance with Section 1902(e)(16), Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(e)(16)).

SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall, in accordance with Section 1902(e)(16), Social Security

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Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(e)(16)), seek from the appropriate federal agency an amendment to the state's Medicaid state plan to implement Section 32.024(l-1)(2), Human Resources Code, as added by this Act. The commission may delay implementing this Act until the state plan amendment is approved.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect January 1, 2027.